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**SECRETARY, BOARD OF
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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE OF UTAH**

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IN THE MATTER OF FORMAL
RULEMAKING TO AMEND THE
OIL AND GAS R649-3 RULES
CONCERNING DIRECTIONAL
DRILLING

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ORDER AMENDING
OIL AND GAS PROGRAM
R649-3 RULES

DOCKET NO. 2015-006
CAUSE NO. RO&G-2015-01

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Pursuant to the notice filed by the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining ("Division") with the Board of Oil, Gas & Mining ("Board"), the proposed amendment of the Oil and Gas Program R649-3 Rules came before the Board for a final decision at its regularly scheduled hearing on February 25, 2015. Board members Chris D. Hansen, Carl F. Kendall, Susan S. Davis, Michael R. Brown, Gordon L. Moon, and Ruland J. Gill, Chair were present and participated in the hearing. Steve Alder, Assistant Attorney General, represented the Division.

John R. Baza presented the Board with a summary of the actions taken by the Board and Division to comply with the Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, Utah Code §§63G-3-101 et seq. (2014); specifically: that the eRules filing with the Division of Administrative Rules was completed on December 24, 2014 and the proposed rule appeared in the Utah State Bulletin on January 15, 2015; the Utah State Bulletin gave notice that there would be an opportunity for public comment as part of the Board hearing on January 28, 2015; that a 30-day comment period was provided extending through February 17, 2015; and that more than 7 days elapsed

since the close of the comment period. Opportunity for oral comment was provided at the January 28, 2015 public hearing and Lee Peacock for the Utah Petroleum Association expressed support of the rule. Lowell Braxton for Western Energy Alliance submitted an e-mail in support of the rule. No other comments were received.

The Board, after consideration of all comments received, and by unanimous vote of those present at the February 25th hearing, does hereby amend the Oil and Gas Program Rules at R649-3-11 and R649-3-3 as published to become effective as of February 25, 2015.

DATED this 25th day of February 2015.



Ruland J. Gill, Chair
Utah Board of Oil Gas and Mining

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing ORDER for Docket No. 2015-006, Cause No. RO&G-2015-01 to be mailed with postage prepaid, this ~~2nd~~ day of ~~February~~^{March}, 2015, to the following:

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